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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: Unassigned
Hajime SEKIGUCHI, et al.	)	
	:	Group Art Unit: Unassigned
Application No.: 10/781,691	)	
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Filed: February 20, 2004	)	
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For: AIRFLOW AROUND ELECTRICAL	)	April 21, 2004
CIRCUIT OF IMAGE FORMING	:	
APPARATUS	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

JP 2000-216580 A and JP 11-186770 A are mentioned in the specification (pages 2-5) and may be relevant for the reasons discussed therein. An English language abstract for each document, obtained from a commercial database, is enclosed.

FORMAL MATTERS

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), since this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the application, neither a statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) nor payment of a fee is believed to be required. However,


the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee which may be required in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be initialed and returned, indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in Washington, D.C. by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to the address given below.

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT	
	<b>JP 2000-216580 A</b>	<b>08/04/2000</b>	<b>Japan</b>			<b>Abstract</b>	
	<b>JP 11-186770 A</b>	<b>07/09/1999</b>	<b>Japan</b>			<b>Abstract</b>	

OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)	

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